Postings of CEA officers

193. PROF. R.B.S.VARMA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Central Electricity Authority officers who have not completed mandatory field experience;

(b) the details of complaints received against non-compliance of/ cancellation of field posting order'and action taken on them;

(c) the details of officers occupying field postings despite completion of mandatory field experience term and when these officers would be posted back to non-field postings; and

(d) whether Government are proposing to create any additional field postings; if so, the nature of work with its term?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) Mandatory field experience of two years is essential for promotion from the level of Director/Superintending Engineer to the grade of Chief Engineer/Member (Secretary) in Central Electricity Authority. Out of 90 officers in this grade, 25 officers are yet to acquire the mandatory field experience.

(b) No complaints have been received against non-compliance of/ cancellation of field posting order during the last one year.

(c) 75 officers are occupying field postings at various Regional Electricity Boards after completion of their mandatory field experience. It would not be feasible to lay down a definite time-frame for posting them to non-field locations.

(d) No, Sir. Does not arise.

Proposal to bring integrated national energy policy before Parliament

194. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is thinking of bringing an integrated national energy policy before Parliament; and

(b) if so, the salient features of the proposed policy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTIMEHTA): (a) and (b) An Energy Policy Committee has been set up in the Planning Commission to recommend an outline of the energy policy for the next 15-20 years.The members include Secretaries to the Government of India in the Ministries of Power, Coal, Petroleum & Natural Gas, Non-Conventional Energy Sources, Environment and Forests and Department of Atomic Energy. Experts from Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research, Tata Energy Research Institute etc. are also associated in the Committee.

T and Dlosses

195. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that despite undertaking reforms in the Power Sector, there is a phenomenal increase in the transmission and distribution losses in the various States during the recent years;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the 1997—2002, year-wise and State-wise; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to improve the situation in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) to (c) In the absence of 100% metering, it has been found that theTransmission & Distribution loss figures reported by the States are, at best estimates. A statement showing the State-wise T& D losses from 1992-93 to 1998-99 is at Statement-I (See below).The estimated transmission & distribution losses for various SEBs/EDs for the years 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 as per the Annual Report on the working of the SEBs and EDs brought out by the Planning Commission (June, 2001) are indicated in Statement II (Seebelow).

It has been noted that reforming States, after detailed' studies conducted into their operation, have reported higherT & D losses compared to figures before restructuring.The increase inT & D losses is apparently